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LB 305, 348

SENATOR ERDMAN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. The proposed amendment, underlying amendment, is LB 348, with two major changes in that. We have eliminated the boating education for those individuals above the age of 18. We worked with Senator Bourne and Senator Bromm, and I appreciate their time and their willingness to sit down and discuss it. You've received two...a sheet that's got two sides to it. One is the comparison between current law and what is proposed under AM1556. The other side is probably more of the details of what that looks like, and the section and page number of where you can find that. I appreciate the body's indulgence when we last addressed this. And I look forward to your vote to return this for this amendment, and also your vote for AM1556. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Erdman. You've heard the motion to return. Senator Schrock, on that motion.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I guess I could say ditto, because this would be similar to what I said on Senator Hudkins'. LB 305 has been on Final Reading a long time. It was advanced early out of committee, dealt with early by the Legislature. And by the way, it does contain the ban...the hunting on pigs provision in it. Senator Erdman brought this legislation to us. It had a late hearing. No place for it. The Natural Resources Committee...pardon the pun...did water his bill down quite a little. And then I know he's been in negotiations with Senator Bourne, and they've watered it down some more. This bill was brought to Senator Erdman because of a fatality in the Panhandle of Nebraska. And I have ironically said, and Senator Byars usually says, if we...a young lady was killed out there very tragically. If we were as concerned about the number of people killed on our highways as we were about the lakes of this state, we would be doing a lot of different things on our laws concerning our highways. But anyway, be that as it may, this is good legislation. And I would tell you this. I don't think any of the changes are major. Probably the biggest part of this is the education. And whether you're talking about driving vehicles for young people or riding motorcycles or riding jet skis or driving boats, any time you can insert further education, you're